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1. CHINA

REUTER (PEKING) NOTES MAO AND CHOU FAILED TO APPEAR FOR BIG PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF PRC'S ANNIVERSARY; SAYS "THIS BROUGHT ABOUT THE REALIZATION TO MANY" THAT CHINA'S AGING LEADERS MAY SOON HAVE TO TURN RUNNING OF COUNTRY OVER TO YOUNGER HANDS. AFTER ATTENDING MONDAY'S GREAT HALL RECEPTION, CHOU "EVIDENTLY WAS NOT WELL ENOUGH TO ATTEND TUESDAY'S FESTIVITIES." AFP
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(PEKING) CITES HIGH-PLACED CHINESE SOURCE TELLING FOREIGN VISITORS TUESDAY THAT THOUGH CHOU RETURNED TO HOSPITAL AFTER PRESIDING OVER BANQUET, HE WAS FEELING FINE. IT WAS SPECULATED THAT HE WAS READMITTED FOR

FURTHER OBSERVATION FOLLOWING HIS AUG. OPERATION. AT BANQUET, HE APPEARED FULLY ENERGETIC BUT SOMEWHAT PALE AND SLIGHTLY THINNER THAN BEFORE (WP).

REUTER ADDS THAT MORE THAN DOZEN POLITBURO MEMBERS, INCLUDING WANG HUNG-WEN AND CHIANG CHING, JOINED CROWDS WATCHING SONG-AND-DANCE ACTS IN DECORATED PARKS AROUND CAPITAL (CHITRIB, SUN). SUN CARRIES AP PHOTO OF CHINESE MARCHING IN PEKING DURING CELEBRATIONS UNDER BANNER READING, "WE WILL CERTAINLY LIBERATE TAIWAN."

ACCORDING NCNA, MARCHERS INCLUDED "TAIWANESE TOURISTS FROM THE US AND JAPAN." UPI (HK) NOTES NCNA REPORT THAT "UNITY FOR STRUGGLE" WAS KEYNOTE OF PEKING FESTIVITIES (PHINQ).

WP'S RICE REPORTS PRCLO'S "HIGH STYLE" CELEBRATION OF CHINA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY UNDER COMMUNIST RULE. SEVERAL HUNDRED GUESTS ARRIVED, "BUT THERE WAS LITTLE CONFUSION" BECAUSE CHINESE WERE ENTERTAINING IN 10 ROOMS OF THEIR SPACIOUS OFFICE. FOCUS OF INTEREST WAS BUFFET TABLES WITH THEIR "ASTONISHING VARIETY" OF DISHES, MOSTLY OF NORTHERN CHINESE INSPIRATION. GUESTS HELPING THEMSELVES INCLUDED SMATTERING OF CHINESE, CHINA SCHOLARS FROM EAST COAST UNIVERSITIES AND, ACCORDING TO TRADE LAWYER, "WHOLE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX -- OR AT LEAST THE INDUSTRY ARM."

RICE SAYS EMPHASIS ON TRADE WAS STRONG IN CONVERSATIONS. NOT ONLY BUSINESSMEN, BUT MANSFIELD AND BUTZ SPOKE ENTHUSIASTICALLY OF CHINA AS EXPANDING MARKET -- USDA SEC. OBSERVING: "THEY PAY CASH." BUT FOR MOST PART, CROSS-CULTURAL EXCHANGES WERE LIMITED; LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND CHINESE RESTRAINT LEFT MOST GUESTS TALKING AMONG THEMSELVES AFTER PASSING RECEIVING LINE. AMONG GUESTS WERE KENNEDY, MCGOVERN, TUNNEY, ALBERT, HARRIMAN, BRUCE AND BUSH.
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IN PRESS COMMENTARIES AND CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRC GOVT AND NPC, USSR CONTINUED POLEMICS AGAINST PRC LEADERSHIP AND EMPHASIZED ITS OWN PAST AID TO CHINESE DURING FRIENDLIER YEARS, NYT MOSCOW DISPATCH NOTES. ADDS THAT SOVIET POSITION SEEMS DESIGNED TO BUILD CASE FOR EXCOMMUNICATING MAO LEADERSHIP AT PROPOSED WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE SHOWED "POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE," DROPPING KREMLIN'S CUSTOMARY PROCEDURE OF INCLUDING CHAIRMAN AMONG THOSE TO WHOM MESSAGE WAS ADDRESSED. SAYS WHILE SOVIET MESSAGE AND PRESS CAMPAIGN WERE COUCHED IN TERMS DESIGNED TO SHOW CONCILIATORY APPROACH, SOVIET ASSESSMENT OF ATTEMPTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WAS GLOOMY.

WP'S OSNOS, IN MOSCOW, SEES SOVIETS CONVEYING MOOD OF CAUTIOUS ANTAGONISM ON PEKING ANNIVERSARY; THEIR STATEMENTS CONTAINED NO THREATS, BUT LANGUAGE WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL. CITES WESTERN EXPERTS' BELIEF SOVIETS HAVE APPARENTLY CONCLUDED THAT FOR NOW NEITHER TENG HSIAO-PING NOR WANG HUNG-WEN REPRESENTS MUCH HOPE FOR KREMLIN, AND THAT THEIR BEST CHANCE FOR CHANGE RESTS WITH CHINESE MILITARY.

OSNOS SAYS SOMETIMES OVERLOOKED IN HARSHNESS OF SINO-SOVIET RHETORIC IS SUBSTANTIAL TRADE BETWEEN THEM -- TOTALING 300 MILLION DOLS LAST YEAR -- WITH SIZEABLE EMBASSIES IN BOTH CAPITALS. HOWEVER, PROPAGANDA WARFARE BETWEEN THEM DOES RIVAL THAT OF HARSHTEST US-SOVIET DIATRIBES DURING COLD WAR.

REUTER'S SHARP, IN PEKING, NOTES NCNA'S DISCLOSURE WEDNESDAY THAT LI TEH-SHENG, UNDER HEAVY WALL POSTER ATTACK THIS YEAR, ATTENDED CELEBRATION IN SHENYANG; OBSERVES THIS WAS FIRST MENTION OF LI IN CHINESE MEDIA IN FIVE MONTHS; THIS SUGGESTS HE MAY BE BENEFITTING FROM CURRENT ACCENT ON NATIONAL UNITY. NCNA ALSO MENTIONED THREE OF LI'S COLLEAGUES IN REGIONAL CENTERS -- WEI KUO-CHING, HSU SHIH-YU AND SAIFUDIN. DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS EXAMINING LONG LIST OF THOSE AT GREAT HALL MONDAY NIGHT FOUND SECTION OF OVER 60 NAMES OF PEOPLE UNCLASSIFIED

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DISGRACED DURING GPCR WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN REHABILITATED. THESE INCLUDE HSIAO HUA AND HSUEH MING.

REUTER'S TSAI, IN TAIPEI, REPORTS ROC HAS HIGH HOPES ITS BOOMING TV PRODUCTION INDUSTRY MAY SOON BE ABLE TO OUTSTRIP JAPANESE COLOR TV SALES TO US, BASED ON FIRM FOUNDATION PROVIDED WHEN JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS OPTED OUT OF BLACK/WHITE TV SALES TO US SOME YEARS AGO. TAIPEI TV SOURCES BELIEVE ROC HAS CAPTURED AS MUCH AS 62 PERCENT OF US TV IMPORT MARKET.

2. PHILIPPINES

MANILA NEWSPAPERS REPORT PRC HAS AGREED TO SUPPLY PHILS ONE MILLION TONS OF CRUDE OIL, WITH FIRST SHIPMENT SCHEDULED ARRIVE IN MANILA THIS WEEK (UPI NYDN, WP, JOC).

3. INDONESIA

PERTAMINA SAYS IT HAS DECIDED NOT TO RAISE PETROLEUM PRICES THIS QUARTER, MAKING IT FIRST QUARTER SINCE OIL CRISIS BEGAN IN OCTOBER THAT FIRM HAS NOT ANNOUNCED PRICE INCREASES (UPI, JOC). NYT'S SMITH SAYS INDONESIANS

BELIEVED REACTING TO WORLD OIL SURPLUS ESTIMATED AT 1-3 MILLION BARRELS PER DAY THAT HAS RESULTED IN DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON PRICES TO WHICH PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAVE REPLIED BY LOWERING PRODUCTION.

4. THAILAND

IN SPECIAL TO WP, BURGESS REPORTS THAT BEFORE DEPARTING

BANGKOK TUESDAY NIGHT FOR SAIGON, DEPUTY SECDEF CLEMENTS SAID HE HAD REAFFIRMED CONTINUING US DETERMINATION TO WORK WITH RTG TO PROMOTE CAUSE OF PEACE IN AREA, AND THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS HAD CENTERED ON GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION IN SEA AND INDIAN OCEAN. THAI FM SPOKESMAN SAID CONTINUED PRESENCE OF US FORCES IN COUNTRY WAS NOT DISCUSSED. ALTHOUGH US OFFICIALS ALWAYS DENY IT, MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE US AID HAS BEEN AT LEAST IN PART QUID-PRO-QUO ARRANGEMENT WITH "OLD MILITARY" GOVT. FOR USE OF AIR UNCLASSIFIED

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BASES TO BOMB INDOCHINA. BURGESS SAYS ALTHOUGH THAI SPOKESMAN DENIED SPECIFICS WERE DISCUSSED REGARDING RTG DESIRE THAT US CONTINUE ARMS AID, BANGKOK OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAI WANT US HELP IN MANUFACTURING WAR MATERIEL THAT IS NOW IMPORTED FROM US.

5. INDOCHINA

SENATE PASSES STOPGAP CONTINUING RESOLUTION 72-16 THAT INCLUDES SERIES OF FOREIGN AID SETBACKS FOR ADMIN DESPITE THREAT OF VETO. MEASURE NOW GOES TO SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE (GELB, NYT). SENATE MAKES PLAIN THAT REVOLT IS SERIOUS AND STUBBORN, DEFILES PRES AND ITS OWN BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP. ONE AMENDMENT TO CONTINUING RESOLUTION SHARPLY LIMITS FERTILIZER SHIPMENTS TO SVN, WHICH SENATORS COMPLAINED IS GETTING BULK OF US FERTILIZER EXPORTS (LARGE, WSJ). SENATE VOTE REFLECTS INCREASING ASSERTIVENESS IN FOREIGN POLICY, BELIEF THAT MIL AID USED MAINLY TO BOLSTER CRUMBLING REGIMES "FAVORED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT," AND GROWING RESERVATIONS AMONG MANY LIBERAL SENATORS ABOUT HAK'S FOREIGN POLICY METHODS. EAGLETON SAID, "OUR DISTINGUISHED SECRETARY OF STATE IS FAMOUS FOR HIS TILTS....HE TILTS IN VIETNAM." CLARK SPONSORED AMENDMENT TO LIMIT FERTILIZER AID TO SVN TO 85 MILLION DOLS, SAID FERTILIZER ASSISTANCE SO HEAVILY CONCENTRATED THERE THAT STARVING SAHEL AND BANGLADESH CAN'T GET ENOUGH (RICH, WP).

SENATE TURNS TO "WHAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN FEARING": BILL DRAFTED BY SFRC THAT WOULD SHARPLY CUT AID FOR SVN, CAMBODIA AND SK, REQUIRE THREE-YEAR

PHASEOUT OF ARMS GIFTS TO POOR COUNTRIES AND AN END TO US MIL AID MISSIONS ABROAD. FUNDS WOULD ALSO BE DENIED FOR TRAINING FOREIGN POLICE (LARGE, WSJ). SENATE PROMPTLY SLASHES 450 MILLION DOLS FROM BASIC FOREIGN AID BILL. HUMPHREY, IN SHARPEST CRITICISM EVER OF SEA POLICY, SAYS THAT US SEEMS TO BE MAKING "NO EFFORT WHATEVER" TO NEGOTIATE REAL PEACE IN EITHER VN OR CAMBODIA, "DESPITE THE IMMINENT FALL OF THE

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LON NOL GOVERNMENT" (RICH, WP).

MOST PAPERS CARRY AP STORY OF THIEU'S TWO-HOUR RADIO/TV SPEECH IN WHICH HE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF INTERNAL PROBLEMS, US IS RENEGING ON PROMISES OF INCREASED AID, MADE WHEN HE ACCEPTED C-F; MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE PLANS TO RUN FOR THIRD TERM NEXT YEAR; DENIED CORRUPTION CHARGES; AND OFFERED TO RESIGN IF HE LOSES TRUST OF SVN PEOPLE AND ARMED FORCES. ADDED THAT CONGRESS' ATTITUDE, IF MIL AND ECON AID NEEDS NOT MET, WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE COMMUNISTS TO INVADE SVN. THIEU SPOKE AS DEP SECDEF CLEMENTS ARRIVED FROM BANGKOK TO REASSURE GVN THAT ADMIN. WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AID.

NYT'S MARKHAM AT SAIGON SEES THIEU SPEECH AS GENERALLY CONCILIATORY, NOTES THAT IT INCLUDED PROMISE TO AMEND RESTRICTIVE DECREE ON POLITICAL PARTIES AND SO RAISES POSSIBILITY OF OPEN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NEXT YEAR. POINTS OUT THAT THIEU DID NOT MAKE POINT-BY-POINT REBUTTAL OF REV. THANH'S CORRUPTION MANIFESTO, BUT AFFIRMED THAT ALL CHARGES ARE EITHER EXAGGERATED OR GROUNDLESS. "SOMBER, STRAIGHTFORWARD" SPEECH WAS EAGERLY AWAITED IN POLITICAL CIRCLES AND CONSTITUTED PERSONAL RESPONSE TO LOOSE OPPOSITION COALITION THAT HAS RECENTLY BECOME INCREASINGLY VOCAL. MARKHAM OPINES THAT SPEECH INDICATES GVN WOULD CONTINUE FLEXIBLE, PARTLY ACCOMMODATING APPROACH TO AN OPPOSITION THAT HAS YET TO DEMONSTRATE MASS SUPPORT. AT SAME TIME, WARNINGS THAT DOMESTIC UNREST WOULD PLAY INTO COMMUNIST HANDS WERE WOVEN THROUGHOUT SPEECH. THIEU PROMISED FAVORABLE CONDITIONS TO PAPERS THAT WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO "BUILDING OF DEMOCRACY," AND COOPERATION TO MODIFY HARSH PRESS LAWS, BUT MARKHAM NOTES THAT HE LEFT UNSAID WHAT WOULD BE DONE WITH STUBBORNLY ANTI-GOVT PAPERS. THIEU ALSO PROMISED REDUCED CORRUPTION LEVELS IN ARMY AND GOVT "WITHIN THREE MONTHS." (N.B.: MARKHAM MAKES NO MENTION OF THIEU COMMENTS ON CONTINUING US AID OR RENEGING ON COMMITMENTS.)

MCCOMBS (WP) FROM SAIGON REPORTS THIEU SPEECH REGARDED

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THERE AS HIS MOST IMPORTANT POLICY ADDRESS SINCE C-F, AND AN ANSWER TO CRITICS WHO SAY THAT HE IS CORRUPT, HAS THWARTED PEACE EFFORTS, AND WHO COMPLAIN OF ECON HARDSHIPS, POLITICAL REPRESSION AND PRESS CENSORSHIP. NOTES THAT THIEU TOUCHED ON ALL AREAS, AND IN EACH CASE COMMUNISTS GOT THE BLAME. CONGRESS CAME IN FOR CRITICISM, AND "LARGE PORTIONS OF THE SPEECH ... SEEMED AIMED AT AN AMERICAN AUDIENCE." CUT IN MIL AID STRONGLY

CRITICIZED: THIEU SAID "THEY PROMISED TO CONTINUE IT, NOT FORMALLY, BUT THEY SAID IT." ALSO, STATED THAT HE MET WITH NIXON BEFORE C-F SIGNING AND TOLD HIM THAT AID MUST BE CONTINUED "FOR UP TO 25 YEARS, AS WITH KOREA, FRANCE AND SO ON," AND THAT LARGE INFUSIONS NEEDED FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS AND THEN COULD TAPER OFF. MCCOMBS NOTES THAT THIS VIEW SHARED BY AMBASSADOR MARTIN WHO RETURNED AFTER TWO-MONTH ABSENCE, MOSTLY IN WASHINGTON, WHERE HE "LOBBIED UNSUCCESSFULLY" TO KEEP VN AID LEVELS HIGH. MCCOMBS RECORDS SEVERAL LOCAL REACTIONS TO SPEECH BY OPPOSITIONISTS WHO CRITICIZED IT FOR SHOWING WEAKNESS, FOR BEING "NONSENSE", OR FOR NOT CUTTING RESTRICTIONS MORE.

WP QUOTES DOS SPOKESMAN THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT THE TWO MEN WHO MET WITH MIA MOTHER MRS. MACDONALD HAD ACCESS TO HER SON. STATED THAT PAST LEADS TURNED UP BY REV. LINDSTROM "HAD GONE NOWHERE." LINDSTROM SAID HE BELIEVES MACDONALD IS ALIVE, CHARGED THAT USG NOT TRYING HARD ENOUGH TO LOCATE MIAS IN LAOS.

NYT REPORTS THAT TWELVE ARRESTED IN NY ON CHARGES OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT AFTER PLACING "SO-CALLED TIGER CAGE" ON SIDEWALK OUTSIDE US MISSION TO UN. THOSE ARRESTED WERE MEMBERS OF VARIOUS PEACE GROUPS PROTESTING USG SUPPORT OF GVN.

LAT'S MCARTHUR (10/1) IN SAIGON WRITES THAT ADMIN'S AMNESTY OFFER GOES UNHEEDED IN SAIGON'S SEEDIER SLUMS WHERE MANY US DESERTERS HIDE. ONLY "NIBBLE" SO FAR COMES FROM AMERICAN IN JAIL ON MARIJUANA CHARGE WHO IS WANTED IN GEORGIA FOR DRAFT-DODGING AND "MAY HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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TROUBLE MEETING" JAN. 31 DEADLINE. US OFFICIALS HOPE THAT VN AUTHORITIES WILL SUSPEND OR REDUCE SENTENCE SO HE CAN RETURN. MCARTHUR TELLS OF ESTIMATED 70 DESERTERS STILL IN VN WHO SURVIVE ON "EDGE OF SOCIETY," OFTEN DEALING IN DRUGS OR ON BLACK MARKET. MANY LIVE WITH

VIET GIRLS AND AUTHORITIES ARE LENIENT ABOUT OFFICIAL PAPERS UNLESS MAN RUNS AFOUL OF LAW IN OTHER WAYS. BAR OWNER COMMENTS THAT "THEY DIDN'T WANT TO GO HOME ANYWAY."

6. ANZ

GOA ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY IT HAS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED IMMIGRATION PROGRAM TO EASE UNEMPLOYMENT. MIGRANTS WHOSE APPLICATIONS ALREADY APPROVED WILL BE ALLOWED TO COME, BUT IN GENERAL NO MORE NEW NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED (REUTER CANBERRA).

JOC'S STOVE, IN SYDNEY, REPORTS MARITIME INDUSTRY SEMINAR BEGINNING NEXT WEDNESDAY WILL AIR CHARGES THAT SYDNEY IS SERIOUSLY LACKING IN MODERN CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES.

ACCORDING JOC'S MCLAUCHLAN IN AUCKLAND, NZ GOVT HAD DECIDED AGAINST ANY DEVALUATION THIS YEAR, BUT WAS VIRTUALLY FORCED INTO IT LAST WEEK BY AUSSIE DEVALUATION.

7. KOREA

PARK MADE FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE TUESDAY SINCE INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVANCE; SPOKE AT ARMED FORCES DAY MEETING IN DEFENSE OF HIS AUTHORITARIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM (PHINQ).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

NYT'S LELYVELD IN HK DISCUSSES PEKING CELEBRATIONS. NOTES ABSENCE OF MAO, REGARDED AS SIGN THAT HE IS PROBABLY TOO FRAIL TO UNDERGO STRAIN OF PUBLIC UNCLASSIFIED

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APPEARANCE. CHOU ALSO CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT, THOUGH HE MADE SURPRISINGLY VIGOROUS APPEARANCE AT GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE RECEPTION AND THEN RETURNED TO HOSPITAL.

LELYVELD REPORTS THAT RECEPTION WAS THE GREATEST SHOW-PIECE OF THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS; LEADERSHIP ARRAYED ITSELF IN VIRTUALLY FULL FORCE FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 10TH PARTY CONGRESS 13 MONTHS AGO. THOSE MONTHS HAVE LARGELY BEEN FILLED WITH IDEOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN THAT HAS SEEMED TO STRAIN AND EVEN UPSET SEEMINGLY FRAGILE LEADERSHIP FORMULA ACHIEVED AT CONGRESS. BUT AT RECEPTION, POLITBURO CHOSEN BY THE CONGRESS WAS ON DISPLAY ONCE AGAIN WITH EXCEPTION OF LI TEH-SHENG, WHO

HAS NOT BEEN SEEN IN PUBLIC FOR MANY MONTHS, THOUGH STILL LISTED AS COMMANDER OF SHENYANG MILITARY REGION.

ANALYSTS HESITATE TO CONCLUDE THAT UNITY DISPLAY WAS ANYTHING MORE THAN DISPLAY. CONSPICUOUSLY CAUTIOUS WORDING OF EDIT IN PEOPLE'S DAILY AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS SEEMED TO INDICATE THERE HAD BEEN NO RESOLUTION OF THE OBSCURE POLITICAL DIFFERENCES THAT HAVE SEEMINGLY PREOCCUPIED THE LEADERSHIP. EDIT SAID THAT CRITICISM OF CONFUCIUS AND LIN PIAO WOULD "BROADEN AND DEEPEN" AND GO ON "FOR A LONG TIME." FACT THAT EDIT NEITHER

CLAIMED THAT THE ANTI-CONFUCIUS AND ANTI-LIN CAMPAIGN HAD REACHED VICTORIOUS CONCLUSION NOR CALLED FOR ITS INTENSIFICATION INDICATES THAT IT REPRESENTED AN UNEASY BALANCING OF CONFLICTING VIEWS RATHER THAN GENUINE COMPROMISE.

BUT READINESS TO REGARD OLD SCORES AS SETTLED COULD BE SEEN IN LARGE NUMBER OF FORMERLY DISGRACED FIGURES WHO REAPPEARED AT RECEPTION. NCNA LISTED MORE THAN 60 NAMES THAT HAD BEEN REGARDED AS UNMENTIONABLE SINCE GPCR PURGES. INCIDENTAL RESULT OF LARGE TURNOUT WAS THAT IT SERVED TO SCALE DOWN THE IMPORTANCE OF CHIANG CHING, WHO SEEMED IN RECENT MONTHS TO BE OBJECT OF SUBTLE BUT STEADY BUILD-UP IN CHINESE PRESS. BECAUSE OF STRONG TURNOUT OF SENIOR PARTY LEADERS, SHE UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS NOT IN THE SPOTLIGHT.

LAT EDITORIALIZES ON PRC'S ANNIVERSARY. NOTES COUNTRY STILL BESET BY INTERNAL TENSIONS AND UNCERTAINTY ABOUT FUTURE AS MAO'S PERMANENT REVOLUTION EMPHASIZING STRUGGLE, VIOLENCE AND UPHEAVAL, MEANS PERMANENT INSECURITY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN IT. HOWEVER, MAOIST DOCTRINE CAN CHANGE, AS IT HAS UNDER MAO; CHINESE ARE PRAGMATIC, AS THEY HAVE SHOWN MORE THAN ONCE IN THEIR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, AND THEY HAVE SHOWN IT MOST DRAMATICALLY IN FOREIGN RELATIONS. CHINA'S PERCEPTION OF USSR AS "PRINCIPAL ENEMY OF THE MOMENT" HAS MOVED PRC TOWARD BETTER RELATIONS WITH US. CHOU REFERS TO CHANGE AS TACTICAL SHIFT; BUT SHIFT NEED NOT BE SHORT-LIVED SINCE SOVIET AMBITIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE SEEN AS THREAT TO CHINA FOR SOME TIME TO COME. THE AMERICAN CONNECTION IS VALUABLE COUNTERWEIGHT FOR BOTH US AND CHINA. WASHINGTON HAS NURTURED IT WITH SKILL, TACT AND REALISTIC UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT POSSIBILITIES. IT IS IN MUTUAL INTEREST OF BOTH NATIONS TO CONTINUE ON THAT COURSE.

PHINQ SAYS NIXON'S HISTORIC JOURNEY TO CHINA AND

BEGINNING OF SPIRIT OF DETENTE MAY STAND AS MOST
SIGNIFICANT OF NIXON'S MANY OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS
IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MAINTAINS THAT NEED NOW IS FOREIGN
POLICY DEDICATED NOT ONLY TO PRESERVING BUT TO
STRENGTHENING AUSPICIOUS START TOWARD BETTER RELATIONS
THAT HAS BEEN MADE. NAMING OF BUSH IS FIRM STEP IN THAT
DIRECTION. BUSH HAS HAD CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP
WITH FORD FOR MANY YEARS, INDICATING SPECIAL IMPORTANCE
FORD ATTACHES TO PEKING ASSIGNMENT. PEKING HAS RESPONDED
AFFIRMATIVELY TO US OVERTURES FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS THAT

COULD LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING; US' RESPONSE SHOULD
BE IN THE SAME SPIRIT.

9. KOREA

IN ARTICLE DATELINED WASHINGTON, ST.L.P-D'S DUDMAN
(SEPT. 29) REMARKS THAT EVEN A DICTATORSHIP SOMETIMES
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WILL BEND A LITTLE IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES TO ARRANGE
VISIT BY US PRES. THAT IS WHAT PARK DID AND PRES FORD
HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL VISIT SEOUL NOV. 22 AND 23 AFTER
HIS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED 3-DAY TRIP TO JAPAN.
ASSUMED IN WASHINGTON THAT PARK'S RELAXATION OF HIS
DICTATORIAL RULE MONTH AGO WAS PARTLY AN EFFORT TO
PERSUADE US WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS THAT THINGS
NOT REALLY SO BAD IN SK.

PARK ANXIOUS TO HAVE FORD COME CALLING ON HIM AT TIME
THAT IS CRITICAL IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. POLITICAL OPPOSITION
TO PARK REGIME HAS BEEN INCREASING, FUELED BY RESENTMENT
AGAINST MARTIAL LAW AND EMERGENCY DECREES. IN HIS LIMITED
RELAXATION, PARK ANNOUNCED LAST MONTH THAT THERE WOULD BE
NO MORE ARRESTS FOR MERELY CRITICIZING NEW CONSTITUTION,
ALTHOUGH PUBLICATION OF CRITICISM STILL FORBIDDEN. PARK
SAID SOME PRISONERS WOULD BE RELEASED AND SOME SENTENCES
REDUCED.

SECOND PRESSURE ON PARK IS GROWING BELIEF IN CONGRESS
THAT US NUCLEAR WEAPONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN BECAUSE THEY
ARE NOT NEEDED THERE AND ARE NOT SECURE THERE. HOUSE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN REPORT ON KOREA LAST MONTH
RECOMMENDED THAT 4TH MISSILE COMMAND BE SENT BACK TO
CONTINENTAL US BY END OF YEAR AND NOT REPLACED. AND
RETIRED ADM. LAROCQUE, DIRECTOR OF PRIVATELY-FINANCED
CENTER FOR DEFENSE INFO, TESTIFIED RECENTLY BEFORE
SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT US NUCLEAR WEAPONS WERE NOT
SAFE IN KOREA AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES.

THIRD PRESSURE AFFECTING PARK IS MOUNTING DOUBT IN US
AS TO HOW MUCH LONGER US MUST SUBSIDIZE AND PROTECT

REGIME. CITES REISCHAUER AS PROPOSING THAT US CUT DOWN ITS MIL AID AND NUMBER OF TROOPS STATIONED IN KOREA, "WITH A CLEAR INDICATION THAT WE WILL BE FORCED TO CONTINUE ON TO COMPLETE DISENGAGEMENT IF CONDITIONS IN KOREA DO NOT IMPROVE." PRESENT US POLICYMAKERS DISAGREE. HAK SAID LAST JULY THAT "WHERE WE BELIEVE THE NATIONAL INTEREST IS AT STAKE, WE PROCEED EVEN WHEN WE DO NOT APPROVE." ADMIN HAS MADE NO CHANGE IN THE 162 MILLION DOLS BUDGETED FOR KOREA THIS YEAR OR IN GARRISONING UNCLASSIFIED

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OF 38,000 MEN.

DUDMAN REPORTS OFFICIALS CONCEDE THAT SOME OPPOSITION GROUPS OPPOSE FORD'S PLANNED VISIT TO SK ON GROUND THAT HE WILL BE EMBRACING PARK REGIME. BUT OFFICIALS REPORT THAT MOST OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE PARK NONETHELESS ARE GLAD SEE THIS NEW EMPHASIS ON US COMMITMENT TO SK, INSISTING THAT ONLY A FEW EXTREMISTS ARE PRESSING FOR REMOVAL OF US FORCES.

AS FOR POSSIBILITY OF DISORDERS WHEN FORD STOPS IN SEOUL, AN OFFICIAL OBSERVED: "IT IS NOT TERRIBLY UNSTABLE - BUT WE SAID THAT ABOUT GREECE, TOO." MAW

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